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SUBJECT: CIVAIR NEGOTIATIONS: AIR CHARTER AGREEMENT

REF: (A) STATE 96636 (B) BELGRADE 2026

ANKARA FOR MEADOWS

1. TEXT OF FORMAL, BILATERAL NON- SCHEDULED AIR SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH ANNEXES, ETC. WAS INITIALLED AD REFERENDUM ON MAY 22 BY DJOKANOVIC (DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIVIL AERONAUTICS) FOR YUGOSLAVIA AND DAVID ORTMAN (AVIATION PROGRAMS AND POLICY DIVISION) FOR US.

2. US CHARTER CARRIERS OBTAIN ESSENTIALLY UNLIMITED RIGHTS TO OPERATE TO AND FROM YUGOSLAVIA. AS NOTED IN REFTEL (A), KEY ELEMENTS OF AGREEMENT FOR YUGOSLAV CARRIERS
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ARE 4:3 " UPLIFT RATIO" (I. E., RATIO OF US- ORIGIN TO NON-US ORIGIN FLIGHTS) AND LOS ANGELES AND DETROIT AS " FREE CITIES" (I. E., CITIES EXCLUDED FROM THE UPLIFT RATIO LIMITATIONS). NOTE: THIS SPECIAL CHARTER STATUS FOR LOS ANGELES WILL CEASE AT SUCH TIME AS JAT BEGINS SCHEDULED SERVICE TO US.

3. ON KEY ISSUE (TO YUGOSLAVS) OF STOPOVER, US CONCEDED RIGHT OF CHARTER GROUPS FLYING WITH JAT TO CONTINUE TO THIRD COUNTRIES, BUT WITH MINIMUM STAY OF 96 HOURS IN YUGOSLAVIA. YUGOSLAVS FELT THIS WAS TOO LONG, BUT US CONTENTED IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR JAT CHARTER GROUPS OUT OF US TO SPEND MEANINGFUL AMOUNT OF TIME IN YUGOSLAVIA.

3. IN REMARKS AFTER AGREEMENT INITIALLED, ORTMAN EMPHASIZED THAT THIS AGREEMENT WOULD SERVE TO STIMULATE US-YUGOSLAV AIR RELATIONS AND BROADEN OUR RELATIONS IN GENERAL. IN RESPONSE DJOKANOVIC NOTED THE EXCELLENT AND MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN THE US AND YUGOSLAV GOVERNMENTS AND PEOPLES WITH THE COMMENT THAT THIS BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT REFLECTS A DESIRE OF BOTH COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THESE RELATIONS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT.

4. DJOKANOVIC AGREED WITH OUR SUGGESTION NOT RPT NOT TO MAKE DETAILS OF AGREEMENT PUBLIC UNTIL IT WAS FORMALLY SIGNED (SIGNATURE WILL PROBABLY TAKE PLACE IN ABOUT TWO MONTHS.) COPIES OF AGREEMENT INITIALLED ON MAY 22 ARE BEING AIRPOUCHED.

5. YUGOSLAV NEGOTIATING TEAM DEPARTED WASHINGTON EVENING MAY 22 FOR FRANKFURT WHERE THEY PLAN BOARD JAT FLIGHT SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE IN BELGRADE AFTERNOON OF MAY 23.
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